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SUBJECT: PM FRASER'S VISIT

DISQUIETING RUMORS CIRCULATING IN CANBERRA CONCERNING NEED FOR MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES TO POST SUBSTANTIAL BOND FOR PROFESSIONAL EQUIPMENT ENTERING US TO BE USED IN CONJUNCTION WITH COVERAGE OF PRIME MINISTER FRASER'S VISIT. HAVE REQUESTS FROM VARIOUS MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES AND PM'S OFFICE FOR CLARIFICATION. MEDIA PLANS TO CARRY TV CAMERA, RECORDERS AND STILL CAMERAS WHICH WILL BE TAKEN OUT OF THE COUNTRY UPON COMPLETION OF FRASER VISIT. REPS WILL CARRY ITEMIZED INVENTORY LISTS WITH TYPE, SERIAL NUMBERS, ETC. OF ALL EQUIPMENT FOR PRESENTATION TO CUSTOMS OFFICIALS IN HONOLULU UPON ARRIVAL. WILL THIS BE SUFFICIENT? IF NOT, WHAT IS NEEDED? SINCE MEDIA TRAVELLING WITH PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICIAL PARTY, REQUEST COURTESY OF THE PORT BE ACCORDED. TWELVE MEMBERS OF VARIOUS MEDIA ORGANIZATIONS WILL BE ABOARD PM'S QANTAS FLIGHT THREE, DEPARTING SYDNEY AT 1900 HOURS SATURDAY, JULY 24, ARRIVING HONOLULU 0950 SAME DATE, THEN ONWARD TO SAN FRANCISCO. HARGROVE

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